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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: June 27, 2013

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “FEMS Ambulance Redeployment Disapproval Resolution of 2013”

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 24, 2013

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the disapproval resolution.

Background

In March 2013, the Mayor submitted a redeployment plan for ambulances within the Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) Department to Council for approval. The plan would redeploy single-role emergency medical technician (EMT) and paramedic units to increase coverage during peak call volume hours. The plan would establish four 12-hour shifts of five Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units. The first shift would begin at 7:00 A.M. and every two hours following the first shift a new shift would become operational. All 20 units would be operational during the peak hours of 1:00 PM to 7:00 P.M.¹ Twenty-five firefighter and EMT combination units would still be available 24-hours per day.

The proposed resolution disapproves of the Mayor’s plan to redeploy single-role EMT and paramedic EMS units into five 24-hour shifts of five units each.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 budget and the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the disapproval resolution. The disapproval resolution will result in

¹ FEMS identified 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. as the period of highest call volume for EMS calls.

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maintaining the staffing and shift arrangements that currently exist and there are no associated costs.